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REMARKS

The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed in the above-referenced case on June 5, 2001. Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Remillard, of record. Further, claims 3-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Remillard in view of Judson, of record.

In response to the rejections, the references, and the Examiner's arguments and comments, the applicant herein cancels claims 1-15 and adds new claims 16 through 37 for examination.

The applicant believes the limitations of the newly added claims are not taught by the references cited and/or applied, either singly or in combination. Therefore the applicant respectfully requests that case be passed quickly to issue.

If any fees are due beyond fees paid with this amendment, authorization is made to deduct those fees from deposit account 50-0534. If any time extension is needed beyond any extension requested with this amendment, such extension is hereby requested.

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Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

Claims have been canceled and new claims added, and these changes are not required to be shown in this section. No claims are amended.

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